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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

YAT&C (H&COOR) Department – Archaeology and Museums – The Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District handover to the A.P. Tourism Department for promotion, preservation and development as a cultural and historical attraction – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT, TOURISM AND CULTURE (H&COOR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 7 **Dated: 28/02/2024**
Read the following:

1. From the Commissioner of Archaeology and Museums, Vijayawada, Lr.No.F/200/2017,Dt 01-06-2023.

2. D.O.Lr No.ARCM0ESTT(MISC)/2023, Dt:14/06/2023.

3. G.O.Rt No. 65, School Education (General) Department, Dt: 20/02/2024.

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ORDER :-

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Archaeology and Museums , A.P. Vijayawada has informed that the Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building constructed during the years 1868-1872 by Karvetinagara Kings is situated in the Centre of Karvetinagaram Town in Chittoor District, currently is vacant and previously Zilla Parishad High School was running in this Palace. The Palace is under the custody of the Commissioner of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

2. She has further informed that the Department of Archaeology and Museums is willing to take up this Building for development as an Archaeological Museum in view of its historical and heritage importance and requested to instruct the Commissioner of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh to hand over this building to the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

3. Accordingly in the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Secretary, School Education Department was requested to take necessary steps and hand over the Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District to the Department of Archaeology and Museums, which is constructed by Karvetinagara kings in order to develop this building as an Archaeological Museum in Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District.

4. In the reference 3rd read above, the School Education Department has issued orders to handover the Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District to the Department of Archaeology and Museums to develop and maintain it as an Archaeological Museum.

5. Further it is observed that the Archaeology Department is facing shortage of manpower and also financial resources/funding, which are impeding their ability to carry out essential tasks such as site maintenance, research and preservation efforts effectively.

6. Hence it has been decided that the Tourism Department shall take over the building on behalf of Archaeology department as it is better equipped to handle the promotion, preservation and development of Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District, as a cultural and historical attraction.

7. Further this transition will lead to enhanced visitor experiences and greater accessibility to the site, ultimately benefiting both tourism and cultural heritage preservation efforts and ensure development of Lakshmi Mahal, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District as a Heritage building.

8. After careful examination of the entire matter government hereby issue orders to hand over the Lakshmi Mahal, Heritage Building, Karvetinagaram town, Chittoor District to the A.P. Tourism development Corporation, Vijayawada for promotion, preservation and development as a cultural and historical attraction, due to shortage of manpower and also shortage of financial resources/funding in the Archaeological department.

9. The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(This has approval of the competent authority.)

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Archaeology and Museums, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, A.P.,Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, APTA, A.P, Vijayawada
Copy to:
The P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government (YAT&C) Department.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister (TC&YA) .
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